

recollection of the call is that Eckstein reported that Babbitt had just told Eckstein that Ickes had called and told Babbitt that “this issue had to be resolved before sundown.”⁴⁷¹

After dropping Eckstein at the airport, Goff returned to Moody’s office to make a number of phone calls. Over the next hour, he spoke with Michael Brozek and Fred Havenick.⁴⁷² Brozek recalled that Goff said Secretary Babbitt was told to deny the application. Goff also reported to Brozek that Babbitt mentioned Ickes and the fact that the opposing tribes were “big Democratic Party contributors.”⁴⁷³

Florence Eckstein, Paul Eckstein’s wife, remembers speaking with her husband on the afternoon of July 14, 1995, when he called her at work from an airport while en route home from Washington, D.C.⁴⁷⁴ At the time, Ms. Eckstein knew what business her husband was conducting in Washington. She recalls that her husband told her that he had seen their friend Bruce Babbitt on behalf of his client, and that Babbitt had told Eckstein that Harold Ickes was somehow involved in the decision-making on denial of the client’s matter. She also recalls her husband telling her that political contributions were somehow involved in the decision-making process, though she cannot recall how. She attributes her memory of this brief conversation to the fact

⁴⁷¹Grand Jury Testimony of Jerome Berlin, Sept. 15, 1999, at 37 (hereinafter “Berlin G.J. Test., Sept. 15, 1999”).

⁴⁷²Records show that Havenick made a number of calls to his office and to office numbers for Goff, Brozek and Berlin during his flight to Florida. Goff was able to connect with Havenick through his own office or Brozek’s office when Havenick called those locations.

⁴⁷³OIC Brozek Int., Sept. 3, 1998, at 6.

⁴⁷⁴Eckstein’s flight departed from Washington and connected through Columbus, Ohio. He stated that he may have called his office’s “800” phone number from one of these airports, and then gotten connected with his wife, but no available phone records reflect this call.